

# The Springs

Where The Thirsty Find Life

March 6, 2024

“And my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19

These words of Paul bring us great comfort, but they also challenge us. How often do we think of all that we have and all that we earn as ours? Do we forget that the Bible clearly teaches that we are stewards of what we have been given? (see Gen. 2:15; 1 Peter 4:10; Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 12:42-46) Remember, God is the source of all things. Consider how we often talk about our tithes and offerings. You will often hear preachers talk about the importance of the tithe-10% of your income given for the work of God’s kingdom. Even if we do that, do we view the other 90% as ours to use as we desire? Here’s the reality: 100% of what we have has come from God (see James 1:17) and belongs to God. No 90% or 95% or 98%. All of it. We are simply caretakers & stewards. Now, I’m not trying to tell you to increase your giving or nudge you to start tithing. This is simply a reminder about the true owner of all things, and the importance of our absolute dependance upon him for abundant life. Since God is the source of all things, resting in the knowledge of the promise above provides an assurance to hang on to-especially when times are tough and the dollars need to stretch.

In Philippians 4, Paul is thanking the church at Philippi for the abundance of support he received from them. As he does so, he also reminds them that their gift is “a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.” In this context of thanksgiving, Paul reminds the Philippians that God will take care of all of their needs. But the context also stresses our responsibility to care for and support each other. Read the entirety of the book and you’ll see that plain as day. Here’s the truth: we need each other in the body of Christ-even if we don’t want to admit it or don’t even like each other! When we support one another, when we pray for each other, when we comfort each other, when we encourage each other, when we laugh & cry with each other, we do so not because of duty or recognition. We do it because we have been given so much out of God’s riches. We do it because we want to share with others what God has given to us. We might even do it because we have been on the receiving end of someone else’s support. Most of all, we do it (or should do it) because we love each other.

In this challenging season of our church, and the United Methodist Church at large, will you remember this promise and the call to action that it creates? Will you thank God for the blessings you have received and for the people he has placed in your life? Will you pray for and support each other? Will you comfort & encourage each other? Will you love each other?

In Christ,

Matthew Hall

### New Prayer Requests

**Wayne Patterson - Melanoma** (brother in law of Jeffrey & Sally Rhett)

Billy Anders, Shirley Dooley, Francois du Plessis,  
James & Glenda Smith, Benny Egler, Ken LaBruyere,  
Otha Barham, Brenda Huffman, Sharon Stephens,  
Charlotte Chaney, Shane Helton, Adrian Hill, Brenda Ferry, Neal  
Martin, Nora Goodsell, Justin Dean, Jamie Rawson,  
Ceil Coleman, Martha Turbville, Tom Sanderford,  
Mitch Raybuck, Joe Kieronski, Fayne Walker, Lyndsay Slayton,  
Jake Warren

If you have a prayer request please let the office know.

### March 2024 Birthdays

3rd	Betty Twiner
5th	Carron King
7th	Paul Carson
10th	D. J. Ridinger
11th	Billy Anders
14th	Liz Ashby
21st	Teresa Anders James Carson
24th	Gladys Stewart
28th	Joanna Coxwell
31	Jamie Brown

#### Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

##### UMCOR Sunday Offering

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups  
4:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, March 12

5:00 P.M. Missions Meeting/Conf. Rm  
6:30 P.M. Executive Team Mtg/Conf. Rm.

#### Wednesday, March 13

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 P.M. Youth & Children

#### Sunday, March 17

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

#### Monday, March 18

1:00 P.M. Women of the Church

#### Tuesday, March 19

6:00 P.M. Basketball

#### Wednesday, March 20

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 P.M. Youth & Children

### HOLY WEEK BEGINS

#### Sunday, March 24 - PALM SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups  
4:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, March 27

5:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 P.M. Youth & Children

#### Thursday, March 28

6:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service

#### Saturday, March 30

2:00 P.M. Decorate Easter Cross

#### Sunday, March 31

9:30 A.M. Worship  
10:45 A.M. LifeGroups

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday**

Combined Egg Hunt with Central UMC  
Location TBD

### **Thursday, March 28th - Maundy Thursday**

Service at 6 pm

### **Friday, March 29th - Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross, Come and Go from 1 pm - 3 pm,  
Home of Gary & Robin Thompson

### **Saturday, March 30th - Easter Cross**

Join us to decorate the outdoor cross, 2 pm

### **Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday - HE IS RISEN!**

**Easter Egg Hunt combined with Central UMC**

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm - 4 yr old & Under

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Elementary & Youth  
(Glow in the dark hunt)

## EASTER EGGS/CANDY



Children & Youth are asking for donations of candy, small ring size glow sticks and translucent plastic eggs for a joint Easter Egg Hunt with Central UMC. See Ashley or Amy for more details.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **March 10 - Sunday**

Acolytes: Lucy & Max Autry  
Greeters: Cathy Ellis, Angie Sherrill  
Scripture Reader: Sandy Thomas  
Sunday Snacks: Polly Little, Janet Barham

### **March 11 - Monday**

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Janet Barham, Carrol Barham

### **March 17 - Sunday**

Acolytes: Megan & Aaliya Mendiola  
Greeters: Malaea Mendiola, Sandy Thomas  
Scripture Reader: Brian Smith  
Sunday Snacks: Dianne Shannon, Carolyn Wall

### **March 18 - Monday**

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Nancy Crews, Grady Coleman

### **March 24 - Sunday (Palm Sunday)**

Acolytes: Cindy Lang, Ridge Brown  
Greeters: Regena Ford, Margaret Yates  
Scripture Reader: Carrol Barham  
Sunday Snacks:

### **March 25 - Monday**

Meals on Wheels Delivery: Marjorie Walker

## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of:

#### **Charles "Peck" Brown**

(Jamie Brown's father)

Grady & Vicki Coleman

Gary & Robin Thompson

#### **Patricia McKee Myers**

(Tommy McKee's sister)

Grady & Vicki Coleman

#### **Emma Atkinson**

Ron & Jennifer St. John

Grady & Vicki Coleman

Sandy Thomas

Wayne & Cathy Ellis

Mark & Ginny Adkins

Jerry & Linda Long

Coming this Summer!





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## The 2024 Bible Challenge

March 6 - Leviticus 23-24 / Mark 10:32-52

March 7 - Leviticus 25 / Mark 11:1-18

March 8 - Leviticus 26-27 / Mark 11:19-33

March 9 - Numbers 1-2 / Mark 12:1-27

March 10 - Numbers 3-4 / Mark 12:28-44

March 11 - Numbers 5-6 / Mark 13:1-20

March 12 - Numbers 7-8 / Mark 13:21-37

March 13 - Numbers 9-11 / Mark 14:1-26

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